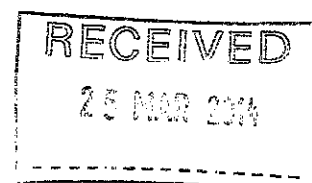


Elmwood School Placement Experience.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my time at Elmwood School as a placement student. As part of my degree; BA Honrs Special Needs, Inclusion, Childhood and Family Studies, I was to complete at least 50 hours within an educational setting. I am grateful to all the staff involved with accommodating my placement. I feel the whole experience has been incredibly valuable, before this setting I had not worked with young people of this age so this placement arrangement has not only given me experience of working with secondary school age young people but also experience of working with young people who have Emotional and Behavioural Difficulties (EBD). It has given me a greater understanding of EBD and how the implementation of certain resources such as the walkie talkies/ radios and the points system used within this school are paramount to the young person's education and behaviour management.

The skills and knowledge gained during this placement have been applied to my studies, especially in my module; Youth Culture and Identity as it has made me recognise youth in an innovative way and understand how society perceives young people in general.

This placement has also reiterated the fact that team work is essential. In this setting I feel that every member of staff works well together to ensure the stability of the young person's educational experience is at its best. I enjoyed being part of the morning meetings and end of day meetings to discuss what went well and not so well during the day, as this has supported my learning and helped maintain my reflection process as I am able to recognise for example what I did well or how I could have approached a situation differently.



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